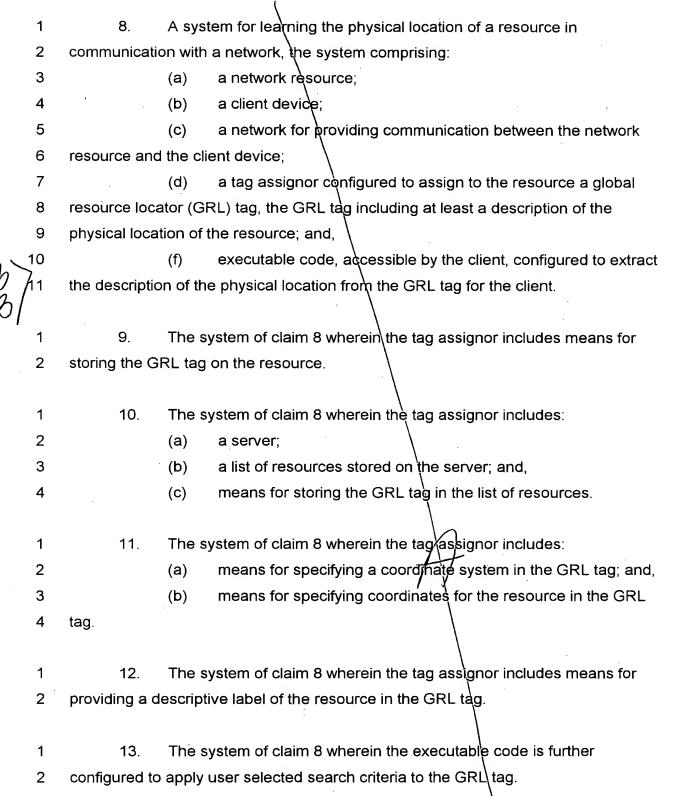
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CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

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| 1 | · 1. | A method for learning the physical location of a resource in |
| 2 | communicati | on with a network, the\method comprising: |
| 3 | | (a) assigning to the resource a global resource locator (GRL) tag, |
| 4 | the GRL tag | including at least a description of the physical location of the resource; |
| 5 | | (b) communicating the GRL tag over the network; and, |
| 6 | | (c) extracting the description of the physical location from the GRL |
| 7 | tag. | |
| 1 | 2. | The method of claim 1 wherein assigning the GRL tag includes storing |
| 2. | the GRL tag | on the resource. |
| 1 | 3. | The method of claim 1 wherein assigning the GRL tag includes storing |
| 2 | the GRL tag | in a list of resources on a server. |
| 1 | 4. | The method of claim 1 wherein assigning the GRL tag includes: |
| 2 | | (a) specifying a coordinate system in the GRL tag; and, |
| 3 | | (b) specifying coordinates for the resource in the GRL tag. |
| 1 | 5. | The method of claim 1 wherein assigning the GRL tag includes |
| 2 | providing a c | lescriptive label of the resource in the GRL tag. |
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| 1 | 6. | The method of claim 1 further including applying user selected search |
| 2 · | criteria to the | e GRL tag. |
| 1 | 7. | The method of claim 6 wherein the user selected search criteria |

includes a comparison of a location of the user to the location of the resource.



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- 1 14. The system of claim 13 wherein the user selected search criteria 2 includes a comparison of a location of the user to the location of the resource.
 - 15. A program storage device readable by a computer, tangibly embodying a program, applet, or instructions executable by the computer to perform method steps for learning the physical location of a resource in communication with a network, the method steps comprising:
 - (a) receiving a GRL tag communicated over the network, the GRL tag including at least a description of the physical location of the resource; and,
 - (b) extracting the description of the physical location from the GRL tag.
 - 16. The program storage device of claim 15 wherein the method steps further include applying user selected search criteria to the GRL tag.
 - 17. The program storage device of claim 16 wherein the user selected search criteria includes a comparison of a location of the user to the location of the resource.
 - 18. The program storage device of claim 16 wherein method steps further include displaying to the user resource meeting the user selected search criteria.